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In re Application of :
Stout and Lehman :
Application No. 10/015,583 : ON PETITION
Filed: 17 December, 2001 :
Attorney Docket No. T3292-907823 :

This is a decision on the renewed petition filed on 25 February, 2005, under 37 CFR 1.47(a) and 1.48(a)(1) which is being treated as (a) a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(a)(1) requesting that a person be added as inventor and (b) a petition under 37 CFR 1.183 requesting waiver of 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.67, which require that a named inventor execute a supplemental declaration.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

On 17 December, 2001, the above-identified application was filed. The original application papers included, a declaration under 37 CFR 1.63 was filed naming William R. Lehman as the sole inventor.

On 1 November, 2004, a petition was filed, whereby petitioners seek to add David A. Stout as a joint inventor. Petitioners further state that joint inventor Lehman has refused to sign the declaration naming the actual inventors as required by 37 CFR 1.48(a)(3). The petition was dismissed on 22 February, 2005.

The present renewed petition was filed on 25 February, 2005.

Petition Under 37 CFR 1.48(a) and 1.183

37 CFR 1.48(a) requires that an amendment to the named inventive entity be accompanied by:

(1) a petition including a statement from each person being added and each person being deleted as an inventor that the error occurred without deceptive intention on his or her part;

(2) an oath or declaration by each actual inventor or inventors as required by 37 CFR 1.63 or as permitted by 37 CFR 1.42, 1.43 or 1.47;

(3) the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(I), and

(4) the written consent of any existing assignee, if any of the originally named inventors has executed an assignment.

As a result of papers filed on 16 August, 2004, it has been found that this nonprovisional application, as filed, through error and without deceptive intent, improperly set forth the inventorship, and, accordingly, this application has been corrected in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(a)(2).

In view of the efforts recounted in the petition to obtain the signature of William R. Lehman on the supplemental declaration as required by 37 CFR 1.63, it is agreed that justice would be served by waiving the requirement for his signature on the supplemental declaration required by 37 CFR 1.63 and 1.67.

The inventorship of this application has been changed by the addition of: David A. Stout, Mountain Home, AR.

Office PALM records have been corrected to reflect the correct inventorship of the application. A corrected Filing Receipt is enclosed for petitioner's convenience.

The application is being forwarded to Technology Center 1724 for further processing.

Telephone inquiries concerning this matter may be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3231.



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Encl: Corrected Filing Receipt